



# CAREER and TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE May 1, 2013

## **House Bill 86 Passes**

### **HOUSE BILL 86—STRENGTHENING CAREER AND TECHNICAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

On April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013, Governor Bullock signed HB 86. The only legislative step remaining is for Governor Bullock to sign HB 2. HB 2 contains the funding that is linked to HB 86. Signing for HB 2 has not been scheduled at this point. The next step for the OPI/CTE Division will be to gather a group of Montana Educators to begin the work of developing the Request for Proposal (RFP) that will guide the disbursement of funding to Montana CTSOs. Thanks to the many students, CTE Teachers, MACTE leadership, Business and Industry leaders, and the OPI leadership for their support and testimony that resulted in the passage of HB 86. Special thanks to Representative Jesse O'Hara for sponsoring the bill and his leadership in the House of Representatives, and to Senator Taylor Brown for his leadership in the Senate. The passage of HB 86 was a Montana team effort.

The text of HB 86 can be downloaded at <http://data.opi.mt.gov/bills/2013/billpdf/HB0086.pdf>.

If you have any questions or need additional information regarding the House Bill 86 hearing, please contact T. J. Eyer at: [teyer@mt.gov](mailto:teyer@mt.gov) or 406-444-7915.

## **Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources**

No update at this time.

### **FFA**

No update at this time.

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## **Business Education**

No update at this time.

### **Business Professionals of America**

#### **"Chain of Love" is Stronger Than Ever!**

Montana Business Professionals of America (BPA), a leading career and technical student organization that takes today's students and prepares them to become tomorrow's business professionals, recently presented Special Olympics Montana with their Chain of Love at their 2013 state convention in Billings.



The Chain of Love is a metaphor for the bonds that tie us together and how one person in support of another person, when done purposefully, creates exponential results that far exceeds the sum of its parts. Each link to the chain also represents one dollar raised by the participating BPA school program.

This year, the Montana BPA raised \$7,181.85 bringing their cumulative total the past decade to more than \$40,000! These funds will be used to help underwrite costs of organizing and hosting the upcoming 2013 State Summer Games in Billings.

Montana BPA President, Nicole Moore, from Sidney High School said, "We are proud to support Montana Special Olympics. It's exciting to help people of all abilities reach their goals and pursue their dreams. At first the athletes seem different than us, but in reality we are both working towards the same goals. We are both working to improve ourselves, enjoy ourselves, and better our communities."

Special Olympics Montana President/CEO Bob Norbie said, "The students participating in the Montana Business Professionals of America are among the most industrious young people I've ever met. By their example, they are showing all of us how powerful and influential they can be in shaping attitudes and creating communities of acceptance, respect and inclusion."

The mission of Business Professionals of America is to contribute to the preparation of a world-class workforce through the advancement of leadership, citizenship, academic and technological skills. For more information about BPA visit <http://www.bpa.org>.

The mission of Special Olympics Montana is to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and share gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes and the community. For more information about Special Olympics Montana visit [www.somt.org](http://www.somt.org).

## **Montana DECA**

Montana DECA is starting to gear up for summer. State Officers will be chosen within the next few weeks and we will start our planning for the 2013-2014 school year. Students with DECA are currently in Anaheim, CA at the national conference, competing against over 10,000 other students from across the country and around the globe.

Any business teachers in Montana who would be interested in learning more about DECA, or possibly starting their own DECA chapter, can contact Erin Weisgerber at [erinweisgerber@yahoo.com](mailto:erinweisgerber@yahoo.com) for more information. DECA would love to welcome more advisors and students to this wonderful program!!

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## **Family and Consumer Sciences Education**

The Montana Affiliate of the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences held their annual spring conference "Leadership in Action" in Kalispell April 17 – 19. Conference attendees listened to great speakers, participated in educational tours in the area and networked with FCS professionals from around the state. The following educators were honored with awards: Lynne Thuesen, Columbia Falls – New Achiever of the Year, Mary Torske, Hardin – Teacher of the Year, Joyce Auer, Arlee – Leader of the Year, and Trudi Shjeflo, Dayton – Professional of the Year. This conference will be held in Bozeman next April 11 – 13.

Family & Consumer Sciences positions are open in the following locations: Dillon, Dutton/Brady, Harlowton, Huntley Project, Glendive, Great Falls, Kalispell, Shelby, and Valier. Please visit the OPI website for more information.

## **Montana FCCLA**

Over 740 students, advisors and chaperones gathered in Billings, Montana March 24 – 26 at the 66th annual Montana Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) State Leadership Conference to help students 'tune in for leadership.'

During the opening session, Montana FCCLA awarded a donation of \$17,056.48 for our State Outreach Project, Make-A-Wish Montana, to Heather Ohs (Make-A-Wish Montana's State Manager), and Terra (a Montana wish recipient) along with her family and wish granting volunteers. Delegates then listened to the dynamic motivational speaker Laymon Hicks, who shared his "Get Up, Get Out, Go Get It" message with the delegation.

On Monday, FCCLA members had the chance to participate in leadership training led by Parallel 49 Strategies, explore career options in Construction/Design, Culinary Arts, and Early Childhood Education by touring local businesses and compete in National STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) and State Proficiency Events. Medals awarded included 162 gold medals, 119 silver medals, 130 bronze medals and 48 certificates of participation. The top winner of each STAR Event is eligible to compete at the 2013 National Leadership Conference July 7 – 11 in Nashville, TN. (For a complete listing of event winners, please read the latest Montana FCCLA Talk of the State newsletter available at [www.mtfccla.org](http://www.mtfccla.org).) Members also chose from a wide variety of workshops and awareness sessions to learn about leadership, creating a game plan, leadership & autism, Fuel Up to Play 60, suicide prevention, drinking & driving prevention, music from around the world, and self-defense techniques.

Penny Linhart, Grass Range FCCLA, received the Spirit of Advising Award. The Montana FCCLA Scholarship was awarded to Kaylee Knoche of Forsyth for \$500 and Lindsay Stickel of Terry for \$250. Fourteen members received scholarships from Johnson & Wales University for their scores in the Applied Technology, Culinary Arts and Job Interview STAR Events. Three Forks FCCLA was recognized as the largest affiliated chapter in the state; Grass Range FCCLA was recognized for the 'Early Bird' affiliation award; Choteau FCCLA was recognized for the largest percentage membership increase.

The 2013-2014 State Executive Council was installed during the conference which includes:

- President: Calli Dixon, Fergus HS
- Vice President: Hayden Denman, Bozeman HS
- Secretary/Treasurer: Rachel Juel, Scobey HS
- Community Service: Kerri Huso, Jefferson HS
- Competitive Events: Ellen Guyer, Carter County HS
- Development: Courtney Martinez, Columbus HS
- Membership: Mason Kearns, Sunburst HS
- Parliamentary Law: Shannon Herring, Havre HS
- Programs: Sadee Miller, Hot Springs HS
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Remember to follow [Montana FCCLA](#) on Facebook!

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## **Health Sciences Education**

Several of our high schools across the state now offer **biomedical science coursework**. This is a hybrid of biotechnology and health science foundation skills. The Biomedical Science teachers have planned professional development to collaborate on curricula, equipment and supplies, assessments, and the use of technology in the classroom. This professional development is only open to current Biomedical Science teachers or newly hired biomedical teachers that will receive core training this summer.

**Common Core** Implementation for English Language Arts and Mathematics will be the focus of attention for all health science teachers and training will be delivered via Webinars.

Our **Online Health Science Teacher Training** is still open until May 24<sup>th</sup>! If you are a science or health enhancement teacher with college coursework in anatomy & physiology, you are eligible for Class 4A Health Science Endorsement through this online option. Graduate credits are available. Please share this information with your colleagues; this is the last time the course will be offered FOR FREE. After that, the college will charge for this course. For a detailed explanation of what will be taught and a registration form, please contact Renee Harris, Health Science Specialist.

## **Montana HOSA**

### **HOSA NATIONAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE**

The HOSA National Leadership Conference will be in Nashville, Tennessee this year, June 25 – 30<sup>th</sup>. Students who finished in the top three in their respective events at the State Leadership Conference earned the chance to compete at Nationals. Our Montana students are currently in the process of making plans to attend and we will know more by early May who plans to attend and which events they will be competing in. Our National Region 1 Vice-President, Darby Lacey, will be leading many activities and sessions at the National Conference. Darby has been an outstanding representative for Montana HOSA at the National level and we couldn't be prouder of our first National Officer from Montana!

Thanks to everyone for your support and for another great HOSA school-year!

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## **Industrial, Trades and Technology Education**

No update at this time.

### **SkillsUSA**

No update at this time.

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